

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Since care for the consumer is neither a financial benefit nor a primary ethical concern for the users of a broadcast flag, their testimony is quite possibly self-serving. I frankly don't believe it

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?
At minumum, the more complicated any system gets, the more problems occur.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

I sincerely doubt that the broadcast flag will be thoroughly tested to determine how it will affect all brands and models of existing equipment. Surely the probability that it won't affect any of them must approach zero.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?
If future developments are unknown, then of course they might be affected.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?
The consumer would be paying money in order to have substantially inferior equipment.

Other Comments:

This is an unnecessary solution to a problem that doesn't require a solution.